

E. JUDGING

1. JUDGING PANELS – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1. For all national competitions, including national trials competitions, the meet referee shall select the judging panels, including the event referee, event judges and balk judge as applicable, for each event (including any preliminary sessions).
- 1.2. Selection of the panels shall be made a minimum of one (1) day prior to the scheduled first day of competition.
- 1.3. To avoid any conflict of interest, real or perceived, a parent may not judge or referee his or her own child in any DPC sanctioned event. An official violating this rule will risk losing his/her status with the DPC Officials Program.
- 1.4. Whenever possible, judges (including coaches) shall not judge an event in which there is a diver that he/she coaches during the season.
- 1.5. The event referee may only judge the event they are refereeing when it is not feasible to run the event otherwise.

2. JUDGING PANELS/SCORING – SENIOR NATIONALS

- 2.1. The FINA Rules shall apply in scoring each dive in each event. Judging panels will consist of;
 - 2.1.1. A seven (7) judge panel for all preliminary, semi-final and final individual events.
 - 2.1.2. An eleven (11) judge panel for synchro events.
- 2.2. Judging panels at all national championships and all special trials events will consist only of qualified national roster officials.

3. JUDGING PANELS/SCORING – JUNIOR ELITE AND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT NATIONALS

- 3.1. The FINA Rules shall apply in scoring each dive in each event with the addition of the Canadian specific rules. Judging panels will consist of;
 - 3.1.1. Seven (7) national roster officials for individual events.
 - 3.1.2. Eleven (11) national roster officials for synchro events.

- 3.1.3. Coaches (minimum Comp-Dev certified) may be added to the panel if there is a shortage of judges to fill all positions.

4. JUDGING PANELS/SCORING – QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS

- 4.1. For all junior qualification competitions, a meet referee shall be assigned by the DPC Officials Committee. The assigned meet referee will be a national roster official from outside the host province.
- 4.2. For senior qualification competitions, a meet referee shall be assigned by the Province. The assigned meet referee will be a national roster official.
- 4.3. Judging panels for individual events shall consist of a minimum of five (5) judges for junior and senior qualification competitions. A seven (7) judge panel may be used as a minimum for synchronized diving events with four (4) judges for execution and three (3) judges for synchronization.
- 4.4. For junior or senior qualification competitions, judges must be a DPC (or other country) registered official or coach (minimum Competition-Introduction trained or equivalent Level 1 Technical).
- 4.5. There must be a minimum of two (2) national roster officials on each panel.
- 4.6. No more than one (1) coach from the same club may be on a panel unless the panel is not possible without using the second coach.
- 4.7. No more than one (1) Level 1 provincial official may be on a panel.
- 4.8. Current registered competitive divers will be allowed to judge under the following circumstances;
- 4.8.1. Registered masters divers who have participated in a judge training session, may judge any event;
- 4.8.2. Registered competitive divers who are at least 16 years of age or older and have participated in a judge training session may judge Group C or Group D events;
- 4.8.3. Judge training sessions may be either;
- 4.8.3.1. A judge training session designed for current and retired competitive divers; or
- 4.8.3.2. A Provincial level 1 clinic
- 4.8.4. Registered divers will be considered at a Provincial Level 1 for the purposes of the composition of the panel

- 4.9. To avoid any conflict of interest, real or perceived, a parent may not judge or referee his or her own child in any DPC sanctioned event. An official violating this rule will risk losing his/her status with the DPC Officials Program.
- 4.10. Whenever possible, judges (including coaches) shall not judge an event in which there is a diver that he/she coaches during the season.
- 4.11. In special circumstances where the holding of the qualification events are compromised due to improper panel composition, the meet referee may authenticate panels that do not meet the above criteria.

5. JUDGING PANELS/SCORING – NON-QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS

- 5.1. Competitions that are not national qualification events are exempt from the criteria outlined in section 4 above but will respect provincial hosting policies and items 5.2 and 5.3.
- 5.2. To avoid any conflict of interest, real or perceived, a parent may not judge or referee his or her own child in any DPC sanctioned event. An official violating this rule will risk losing his/her status with the DPC Officials Program.
- 5.3. Whenever possible, judges (including coaches) shall not judge an event in which there is a diver that he/she coaches during the season.

6. MEET REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY AT COMPETITIONS

(For Junior and Senior National championships, trials, and all other DPC sanctioned events, including provincial and invitational competitions)

- 6.1. The list below includes areas that the meet referee has the authority to take action and make decisions. With the exception of national championship events, the meet referee is the person in charge of the conduct of the competition and serves as the “Chair of the Meet Jury of Appeal”. This list attempts to highlight the key areas but is not exhaustive and is subject to updating on a regular basis.
- 6.2. SAFETY
 - 6.2.1. Address any safety concerns regarding equipment (springboards, fulcrums, and platform surface), lighting, spectator seating, behavior or other types of concerns.
 - 6.2.2. Require safety precautions to be followed.

6.3. JUDGING PANELS

- 6.3.1. Confirm composition of Meet and Event Juries of Appeal.
- 6.3.2. Assign qualified referees and judges to panels (per the Diving Plongeon Canada Hand Book and Rule Book).
- 6.3.3. Declare that the meet referee is the communication link for any concerns with the judging; request that the coaches approach the meet referee immediately when there is a concern.
- 6.3.4. Fill open spots on judging panels with coaches (per the Diving Plongeon Canada Hand Book and Rule Book).
- 6.3.5. Disallow an event to be used as a qualifying event if the panels are not in accordance with the requirements per the DPC Handbook and Rule Book (unless the meet referee chooses to authenticate such panels in accordance with section 4.11).
- 6.3.6. Check to ensure that a list of the officials for each event is input into the computer program and updated with changes as the meet progresses.
- 6.3.7. Identify host reports required for the conduct of the competition including: list of dives for the event referee, balk judge and number board (if manual); and recorder sheet for evaluation of shadow judges.

6.4. DIVE SHEET AND TABLE VERIFICATION

- 6.4.1. Review with the meet manager the process being used and request changes where required.
- 6.4.2. Check any DDs that are not on the FINA list.
- 6.4.3. Verify each scoring table has two (2) independent computers for each event plus a shadow and that all three (3) systems are checked for matching following each dive.
- 6.4.4. At event end, ensure event referee notes time of event end and that this is recorded on the results sheet.
- 6.4.5. Ensure mixed events are appropriately separated into male and female events.
- 6.4.6. At event end, ensure event referee checks summary sheet against computer screen to ascertain the totals match and signs off on the results.

6.4.7. Confirm with the meet manager that all entered competitors are registered members of DPC or other FINA recognized federations.

6.4.8. MMS Software:

6.4.8.1. Ensure that the latest version of the software is being used.

6.4.8.2. Verify rules in the software (by email in advance or at the competition) and ensure corrections are made as necessary.

6.5. LIASE WITH ANNOUNCER

6.5.1. Clarify expectations for different situations during the competition.

6.5.2. Establish a communication system between announcer and event referee so that there is quick understanding when a delay is needed either from the announcer to the referee or from the referee to the announcer.

6.6. PLACEMENT OF JUDGES

6.6.1. Prior to the start of the competition, provide a diagram to the host committee with a request for a volunteer to be responsible for the placement of the officials' seating.

6.6.2. Consider the lighting and how it affects the view of the officials.

6.6.3. Consider the deck space or obstacles to judging from certain areas.

6.6.4. Determine location, arrangement and height of chairs for springboard, platform and synchronized diving events.

6.6.5. Ensure a balk judge has been appointed.

6.6.6. Ensure clear deck space around the panel and between the panel, table and announcer, and competition area.

6.7. DURING COMPETITION

6.7.1. Chair the Meet Jury of Appeals.

6.7.2. Attend all Event Jury of Appeal and verify event referee chairs each Event Jury of Appeal.

6.7.3. Disallow an event to be used as a qualifying event if he/she deems the judging to be inappropriate or the panel improperly constructed.

- 6.7.4. Provide input into proposed schedule changes after the competition has started.
- 6.7.5. If necessary remove an official from a panel - preferably at the end of a round.
- 6.7.6. Warn or evict from the meet anyone whose behavior is unacceptable.

6.8. OFFICIALS

- 6.8.1. Where applicable, identify officials needing to write any of the officials' exams and arrange the timing to do so, unless evaluators are present.
- 6.8.2. Establish dates, times and place for all meetings and distribute to the participating officials.
- 6.8.3. Chair meetings with all officials, unless evaluators are present.
- 6.8.4. Ensure the officials adhere to the Officials' Code of Conduct.
- 6.8.5. Hold meetings with the officials in the mentorship and apprenticeship programs to discuss pertinent information or review of rules, unless evaluators are present.
- 6.8.6. Oversee officials in the mentorship and apprenticeship programs to ensure needs are met and feedback is provided, unless evaluators are present.

6.9. REPORT AND EVALUATIONS

- 6.9.1. Make notes during competition of unusual circumstances, appeals, questionable judgment.
- 6.9.2. Monitor and evaluate officials, as required, unless evaluators are present.
- 6.9.3. Hold discussions, as deemed appropriate, after events on issues, appeals, recommendations, etc., unless evaluators are present.
- 6.9.4. Work with the evaluators (when present) in the evaluation of apprentice officials. Provide feedback to national evaluators if needed or requested.
- 6.9.5. Provide a report to the DPC national office.